



Environmental Health & Safety

Primary & Secondary Schools

Rules & Regulations of the State Board of Health

Revision & Update of Chapter 246-366 WAC

September 2005

ACTIVITY	EXPECTED TIMELINE	DATE COMPLETED
State Board of Health directs SBOH staff to review rule.	January – July 2003	July 2003
The SBOH directs the SBOH Executive Director to begin rulemaking by July 2004	July 2003	July 2003
DOH prepares to support the initial public input activity of the School Rule Development Committee (SRDC)	July — November 2004	November 2004
SRDC meets and develops proposals to address Indoor Air Quality, Drinking Water, and Safety	November 2004 — July 2005	July 2005
DOH develops DRAFT rule	July - October 2005	
DOH briefs State Board of Health	October 2005	
Conduct workshops and gather comments, develop FINAL DRAFT rule, prepare significant (fiscal) analysis	October 2005 - January 2006	
File CR-102	February 2006	
SBOH public hearing on proposed revisions to WAC 246-366 Environmental Health & Safety for Primary & Secondary Schools	Spring 2006	
Respond to Public Comments; Prepare Concise Explanatory Statement	May 2006	
File CR-103 - Rule Adoption	August 2006	
Effective Date of revised rules	Typically one year after adoption	

Purpose

Develop Revised & Updated Rules

That:

- Proactively protect children's health
- Are based on the best available science
- Ensure accountability between school districts, local health jurisdictions and their communities
- Support and promote current school health and safety programs that work
- Have the least burdensome regulatory structure
- Are compatible and consistent with existing related regulations (such as building codes)
- Are realistic about resource limitations of schools and local health jurisdictions

Recent Activities

- SRDC completed their work in mid-July 2005, generating 47 proposals for addressing environmental health & safety matters in the school setting.

Next Steps

- The department will develop a DRAFT Proposed Rule to present to the SBOH.
- DOH will conduct workshops, gather comments on the DRAFT Proposed Rule, and prepare the significant fiscal analyses.
- DOH will develop the FINAL DRAFT Proposed Rule for SBOH consideration.

*For detailed information about the onsite rule revision process, please see the
Department of Health website at:*

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/school.htm>

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